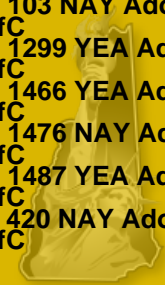




NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE

GOLD STANDARD

HB 103 NAY Adopt CofC
HB 1299 YEA Adopt CofC
HB 1466 YEA Adopt CofC
HB 1476 NAY Adopt CofC
HB 1487 YEA Adopt CofC
SB 420 NAY Adopt CofC



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JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS - THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022

Senate Bills

SB 420, (New Title) establishing an extraordinary need grant for schools and relative to eligibility for the education tax credit.

SB 420

Committee of Conference: Adopt CofC

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill increases state education spending by forcing state taxpayers to provide additional education subsidies beyond what is required for an adequate education.

NAY Adopt CofC

- This bill spends millions more unnecessarily on education at the expense of the taxpayer with no clear benefit or accountability.

House Bills

HB 103, establishing a dental benefit under the state Medicaid program.

HB 103

Committee of Conference: Adopt CofC

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill further expands the Medicaid program.

NAY Adopt CofC

- This bill expands the size, scope, and cost of Medicaid, adding to the taxpayer burden.
- This program provides able-bodied adults in New Hampshire with taxpayer-funded dental coverage at taxpayer expense.
- Expanded state-controlled dental benefits will slowly crowd out private solutions and provide another government-controlled item that can be used as a carrot and stick to force the population to conform to state-dictated behaviors.
- Further expansion of federal dollars and programs in the state will, as was the case with the CMS vaccine mandates, result in more federal control of New Hampshire citizens.

HB 1299, relative to the process for the importation of wildlife and creating an appeal process for denials of permits.

HB 1299

Committee of Conference: Adopt CofC

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill streamlines the procedure for obtaining a permit to import or display wildlife and establishes an appeal process for denial of such permits.

YEA Adopt CofC

- Under current law, there is no time limit specified for the approval or denial of a permit to import live marine species or wildlife or eggs. This bill requires that the permit be granted within 60 days of the request, unless there is reason to deny it. Having a time period outlined in the law allows businesses and individuals to better understand how government regulations may impact their actions.
- In addition, the bill specifies an appeal process, which is not a part of the current law. Any individual or organization can make an error, and certainly individuals within the government are not immune to errors; therefore an appeal process provides a modest check on the power of the state to restrict commerce.

HB 1466, relative to the off-label use of prescription drugs and relative to pharmacy prescriptions.

Committee of Conference: Adopt CofC

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill clarifies circumstances under which a physician, physician assistant, and advanced practice registered nurse may prescribe a drug for an off-label indication. The bill also prohibits disciplinary action against a pharmacist for filling a valid prescription for off-label use.

YEA Adopt CofC

- This bill enhances the freedom with which a physician may elect to treat a patient with an off-label prescribed medication.
- This would enhance the ability for citizens of New Hampshire to obtain effective, recently discovered treatments for potentially life-threatening illnesses.
- Further, this bill protects pharmacists from the treatment directions made by the prescribing physician.

HB 1476, (New Title) relative to release of a defendant pending trial.

Committee of Conference: Adopt CofC

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill, as modified by the Committee of Conference, adds a new provision for mandatory detention of an individual for prior arrests — with no time limit and no consideration of the outcome of prior charges.

NAY Adopt CofC

- Granite Staters deserve due process and a presumption of innocence until proven guilty. As modified by the Committee of Conference, this bill would place individuals with two prior arrests 30 years ago for charges that the individual was cleared of in the same category as someone who was arrested, released on bail, and then potentially re-offended.
- For example, a person could have been falsely charged with two counts of trespassing for being in the proximity of a protest in the 1980s, be cleared of those charges, then get picked up in 2022 for driving on an expired license and now must be detained.
- This bill disregards our fundamental legal principle of presumed innocence and ignores defendants' rights, creates confusion with conflicting language, and would result in more backlog for our already strained judicial system.

HB 1487, relative to the procedure for withdrawal from the vaccine registry.

Committee of Conference: Adopt CofC

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill provides that an individual's request to withdraw from the state immunization registry shall have the option of being notarized by an authorized government official instead of requiring a former or current health official.

YEA Adopt CofC

- This bill makes a commonsense update to allow for people who would like to be removed from a vaccine registry to do so without having to track down a former healthcare worker or hire one currently.